REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-45 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 – *Ando et al.*

Claims 1-6 and 8-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,054,545 (Ando). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants submit that Ando uses a PGC and a CELL for reproducing audio data but does not disclose using a PGC and CELL for reproducing the still picture data independent of the audio data. Rather, Ando teaches that the picture data is linked to the audio data depending on the presentation of the audio data. The link information of the still picture data and the audio data is the entry point. Therefore, Ando fails to disclose the "the playitem indicating an in-point and an out-point of a first stream file for reproducing at least one still picture," as recited in claim 1. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit Ando does not anticipate claim 1.

Further, the Applicants submit Ando does not anticipate claim 1 because Ando does not teach "the clip information files are separate from the playlist file," as recited in claim 1. For support, the Applicants direct the Examiner to column 8, lines 45-46 of Ando's disclosure. In that portion of the disclosure, Ando states "[a]n entry point is data to specify the playback behavior within a cell. Each cell has a set of entry points." Thus, Ando's PGC information contains the cell information, and the cell information contains the entry point. However, in claim 1, the first clip information file includes "a first entry point map, the first entry point map including at least one entry point pointing to the still picture." As applied to Ando, Ando's clip information file must necessarily be part of Ando's PGC (playlist), therefore, Ando fails to disclose "the clip information file is separate from the playlist file," as recited in claim 1.

In addition, the Applicants the structure of Ando is different from that recited in claim 1. Claim 1 recites a "data area being separate from the navigation area." However, in Ando discloses management information in the data area. For example, in column 34, lines 48-56 Ando discloses "[e]ach ASVOB includes a dummy pack, one or more video packs, and a logical block. The dummy pack contains a system header and some additional information (Such as recording information consisting of ISRC

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code, copy control information, etc., not shown)." Accordingly, Ando does not disclose a "data area being separate from the navigation area."

For at least the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 1, and all claims which depend thereon, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando be withdrawn.

For similar reasons, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 18-21, and all claims which depend thereon, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.
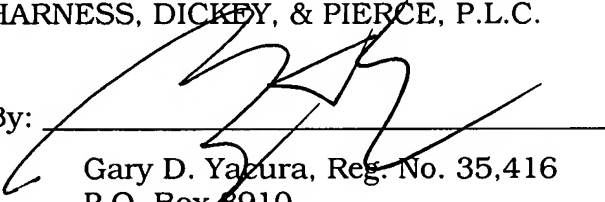
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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